



AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

New replacement sheets of drawings for Figs. 13 and 14 are attached to this response. These sheets replace original sheets for Figs. 13 and 14. In Fig. 13, the process step from S105 (NO) has been amended go back to a point between steps S102 and S103. In Fig. 14, the expression "faces is the specified orientation" in step S206 has been corrected to read --faces in the specified orientation--.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's approval of the request for continued examination. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments to the claims and following remarks.

Claims 1, 6 and 14-19 are pending in this application. Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13, directed to a non-elected invention, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, subject to Applicant's right to file a divisional patent application. Claims 2, 9 and 12 were previously canceled by amendment.

The Examiner closed prosecution in accordance with In re Quayle with the allowance of claims 1, 6 and 14-19, subject to amending the claims and correcting Figs. 13 and 14 with respect to certain informalities.

The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions on page 2 of the Office Action. However, the following is noted. The Examiner suggested amending claim 1, line 12 to change "a orientation" to --the orientation--. It is believed that the Examiner meant line 13, since "a orientation" does not appear in line 12 of claim 1. Also since claim 6 has only two lines, it believed that the Examiner's suggested changes to claim 6, lines 4 and 7 are in error and that the Examiner intended that the changes be directed to claim 16, lines 4 and 7.

The Examiner's objection to the dependency of claims 6, 14, 15 and 17-19 has been interpreted to mean that these claims should begin with --The--, instead of "An". Appropriate changes have been made to the dependent claims.

By all of the aforementioned amendments, it is believed that the informalities listed by the Examiner are overcome.

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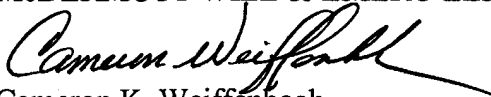
As for the objections to Figs. 13 and 14, the Examiner has objected to the replacement sheets for Figs. 13 and 14. In particular, in Fig. 13, the Examiner indicated that the process step from S105 (NO) should go back to a point between steps S102 and S103, and in Fig. 14 "faces is the specified orientation" in step S206 should be --faces in the specified orientation--. These informalities have been corrected and are presented new replacement sheets for Figs. 13 and 14 submitted with this response.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the informalities have been corrected. Accordingly, the application is now believed to be in condition to be passed to issue.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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